**NHs in Uttarakhand**

2685. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH : Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of kilometres of roads which have been constructed by NHAI in Uttarakhand since the present Government came into power;

(b) by when Government propose to complete the four-laning of Delhi-Dehradun and Delhi-Nainital highways;

(c) the reasons for the extremely slow progress in the completion of these highways; and

(d) what steps Government propose to speed up the work and reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) So far, no National Highway has been constructed by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) in the State of Uttarakhand. Current status of four laning in various stretches of Delhi-Dehradun sections of National Highway 58 & 72 and Delhi-Nainital sections of NH 24 and 87 is given in statement (see *below).*

(c) Delay in Hapur Moradabad section of NH-24 and Meerut-Muzaffamagar section of NH-58 where work is in progress is due to delay in tree cutting and shifting of utilities, beside some encroachment.

(d) Regular coordination with the State Government to expedite tree cutting, shifting of utilities and removal of encroachments is being carried out.

***Statement***

*Current status of Four Laning in various stretches of Delhi-Dehradun and Delhi-Nainital sections*

| Sl. No. | Stretch | Status |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| (1) | Delhi-Dehradun sections of NH 58 and 72 | (a) The stretch of National Highway from Delhi to Meerut is already four lane.<br>(b) The stretch from Meerut to Muzaffarnagar has been awarded for four laning and work is in progress. This work is targeted to be completed by March, 2009.<br>(c) Bids for four laning Muzaffarnagar to Haridwar stretch |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
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| | | are to be re-invited by NHAI on Build Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis.<br>(d) The Haridwar to Dehradun stretch is passing through Rajaji National Park, and Lachhi wala Park. The project can only be taken up after getting NOC from concerned authorities. It is too early to indicate the date of completion of 4-laning of Muzaffarnagar-Dehradun section. |
| 2. | Delhi-Nalnital sections of NH 24 and 87 | The reach from Delhi to Hapur is already four lane. Four laning of Hapur to Moradabad section is In progress and targeted to be completed by March, 2008. Moradabad - Rampur section of NH-24 is aldo proposed to be four laned under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-ll! B, » the DPR for which is in progress.<br>Four laning of Rampur to Kathgodam section of NH-87 has also been included under NHDP Phase lll-B. Kathgodam to Nainital stretch is not the part of NHDP<br>It is premature to indicate the completion date of Moradabad-Rampur section of NH-24 and Rampur-Kathgodam section of NH-87 since DPR has not been completedAaken up. |

**Six-laning of GQ in Rajasthan**

†2686. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the tarffic density on Golden Quadrilateral (GQ) going through Rajasthan;

(b) whether it is necessary to make it six-lanes in view of the traffic density; and

(c) if so, by when this work would be commenced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (c) The traffic density on Golden Quadrilateral (GQ) passing through Rajasthan is in the range of 10,000 to 50,000 Passenger Car Unit per day. The proposal for six-laning of the whole GQ including the stretch passing through

†Originai notice of the question was received in Hindi.